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1. ASSUMING AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES AND SOUTH AFRICA'S
UNDERTAKING TO AVOID UNILATERAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION
DATES OR SIMILAR STEPS, PROXIMITY TALKS ON NAMIBIA AT
THE FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL WILL BE HELD IN NEW YORK IN
FEBRUARY , WITH PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS AT THE
REGULAR CONTACT GROUP LEVEL INCLUDING FOURIE .

THE PROXIMITY TALKS WILL BE CRUCIAL FOR THE NAMIBIA INITIATIVE. AN OBVIOUS FAILURE WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY LEAD SOUTH AFRICA TO IMPLEMENT ITS INTERNAL SETTLEMENT, DESPITE ALL NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES WHICH MIGHT FLOW FROM THIS ACT BOTH IN UN CONTEXT AND IN BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH CONTACT GROUP MEMBERS.

2. IN PREPARING FOR THE TALKS, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE TAKE ALL POSSIBLE STEPS TO NARROW DISTANCE BETWEEN PARTIES ON KEY REMAINING POINTS AT ISSUE IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE CHANCES FOR PROGRESS IN NEW YORK. AS FAR AS SWAPO IS CONCERNED, THIS CLEARLY REQUIRES CONSIDERABLE MOVEMENT AWAY FROM POSITION THEY HAVE TAKEN OVER LAST SIX MONTHS. OUR TASK WILL NOT BE MADE EASIER BY PRESS

REPORTS SUCH AS JANUARY 23 NEW YORK TIMES PIECE BY JOHN APPLE REPORTING FCO VIEWS (TEXT REPEATED ACTION ADDRESSEES) WHICH GIVES IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE TRYING TO GET SWAPO TO NEW YORK IN ORDER TO EXTRACT CONCESSIONS, SOUTH AFRICA HAVING MADE ALL THE CONCESSIONS TO DATE. IN DISCUSSING THIS AND OTHER STORIES ALONG SAME LINES, POSTS SHOULD STRESS NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY ON BOTH SIDES WHILE REJECTING IMPLICATION THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAS MADE ALL THE CONCESSIONS TO DATE.

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3. FOR ACTION ADDRESSEES: DEPARTMENT IS INTERESTED IN RECEIVING ON A PRIORITY BASIS ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ON HOW WE MAY BE ABLE TO RESOLVE MAJOR OUTSTANDING ISSUES. IN PARTICULAR, WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR VIEWS ON CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH SWAPO MIGHT ACCEPT RESIDUAL SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY FORCE IN NAMIBIA, UNDER UN MONITORING, AFTER BEGINNING OF ELECTION CAMPAIGN. IF UN FORCE WERE SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER THAN SAG FORCE, WOULD THIS SATISFY SWAPO CONCERNS? ARE THERE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH SWAPO AND FRONT-LINE STATES INVOLVED WOULD AGREE TO RELEASE SWAPO DISSIDENTS THEY NOW HOLD? HOW CAN WE ENSURE THAT THE CONTACT GROUP PROPOSAL BECOMES KNOWN TO A WIDE RANGE OF SENIOR SWAPO LEADERS? WOULD PUBLICATION OF THE CONTACT GROUP PROPOSAL BE USEFUL IN PUTTING PRESSURE ON NUJOMA TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE? PLEASE INDICATE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS TO ENLIST HOST GOVERNMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN REALIZING OUR OBJECTIVES.

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